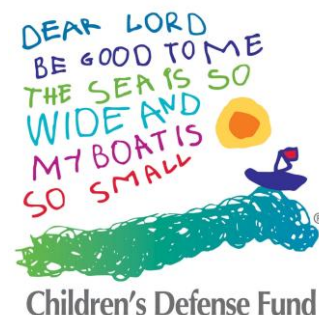


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Children in Massachusetts

March 2013



1,415,221 children live in Massachusetts:

955,263 are White, non-Hispanic
121,483 are Black
210,232 are Hispanic
79,817 are Asian/Pacific Islander
3,035 are American Indian/Alaska Native
72,223 are two or more races

365,651 are under the age of 5
702,067 are ages 5 to 13
337,297 are ages 14 to 17
1,039,364 are ages 5 to 17

In Massachusetts:

A child is abused or neglected every 26 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.

Massachusetts Ranks:*

20th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

4th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

9th among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Massachusetts

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	211,789 (15.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	101,496 (7.3%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	66,011
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$618

Child Health in Massachusetts

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	35,317 (2.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	144,767
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	500,534
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	30.0%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	96.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	18.1%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	23.1%

Child Hunger in Massachusetts

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	310,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	87%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	534,389
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	48,764
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	122,569

Early Childhood Development in Massachusetts

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	16,768
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	25,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$11,669
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	27.2%

Education in Massachusetts

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$14,699
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	49.6%
unable to do math at grade level	41.6%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	53.9%
unable to do math at grade level	48.8%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	12,026 (3.1%)

Child Welfare in Massachusetts

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	20,262
Number of children in foster care	8,619
Number of children adopted from foster care	724
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	37,827

Youth at Risk in Massachusetts

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	82.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	12,149
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	961
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	6.4
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	29

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit:

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